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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *May 06, The Dallas Morning News* — **Nuclear plants avoid costly new security edicts. The nuclear power industry seems to have escaped budget-busting new security guidelines, but critics say the move still leaves reactors vulnerable to terrorist attacks.** Last week, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a much-anticipated revision of the hypothetical terrorist threat against which nuclear plants must defend. Details of the document, driven by the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, are secret. The industry says it has shored up its already formidable defenses in the last 19 months. **The Nuclear Energy Institute says**

that each site has added an average of 29 guards, made \$2 million in capital improvements and seen an annual increase of \$2.3 million in operating expenses as a result of interim security requirements imposed by the NRC.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3823249

2. *May 06, Columbia State* — **NRC puts hold on new South Carolina plant.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission won't grant permission to build a plutonium fuel plant in South Carolina until 19 lingering safety questions are resolved by the government's contractor. **A revised safety evaluation report completed Friday found 19 issues that Duke Cogema Stone & Webster must address before constructing the mixed oxide fuel plant at the Savannah River Site. The plant would make plutonium-blended fuel for use in commercial nuclear plants, a first in the United States.** Federal officials want to know more about how the company would address fire and chemical safety issues. The NRC also has safety questions about ventilation and any possible atomic reaction at the plant. "It's a matter of them answering questions to the satisfaction of (federal) license reviewers," NRC spokesman Roger Hannah said. Additional details on the concerns were unavailable Monday.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3824521

3. *May 06, The Scotsman* — **Concerns over looting at Iraqi nuclear facility.** Mohamed El Baradei, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), lodged his request after "a number of eyewitness and media accounts" of looting at the Tuwaitha nuclear research facility, an IAEA spokesperson, Melissa Fleming, said yesterday. **Iraq has about 1,000 radioactive "sources" – sites where radioactive materials are used in industry or medicine. But the Tuwaitha facility is by far the greatest source of concern, Fleming said.** IAEA inspectors visited the site before the war as part of the UN search for weapons of mass destruction. They catalogued nearly two tons of low-grade enriched uranium and several tons of natural and depleted uranium. While computers, furniture and equipment have been looted, it is unclear whether nuclear material has also been stolen from the site, about 12 miles south of Baghdad. **The Tuwaitha complex, run by the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission, was the heart of Saddam Hussein's nuclear program. Beyond concern that some of the material at the Tuwaitha site could be processed into nuclear warheads, experts also fear that terrorists could use it for so-called "dirty bombs".**

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3824461

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *May 07, Washington Post* — **Ex-Pentagon officials in line for key posts.** With Air Force Secretary James G. Roche in line to become secretary of the Army, two prominent Republicans with Pentagon experience are frontrunners for the top civilian posts in the Navy and Air Force,

defense officials said on Tuesday. **Colin R. McMillan, an oil executive from New Mexico who served as an assistant secretary of defense in the first Bush administration and was the New Mexico chairman of President Bush's presidential campaign in 2000, is considered the likely White House nominee as Navy secretary, the officials said. Barbara McConnell Barrett, a former deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration during the Reagan administration, is the leading candidate to become Air Force secretary.** She also served as a member of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services during the administration of President George H.W. Bush.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A22638-2003May 6.html>

5. *May 07, U.S. Department of Defense* — **National Guard and Reserve mobilized as of May 7, 2003.** This week the Navy and Marine Corps each announce an increase of reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization. The Army and Air Force each announce a decrease. The net collective result is 5,031 fewer reservists than last week. At any given time, services may mobilize some units and individuals while demobilizing others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease. **Total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 145,106; Naval Reserve 12,037; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 36,683; Marine Corps Reserve, 21,255; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 4,416. This brings the total Reserve and National Guard on active duty to 224,528 including both units and individual augmentees.**

Source: http://www.defenselink.mil/news/May2003/b05072003_bt305-03.h tml

6. *May 07, Government Executive* — **Panel may seek to delay next round of base closings.** The chairman of the House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee is expected to support a bid to delay the Pentagon's 2005 round of military base closings when the panel meets Friday, House sources from both parties said Tuesday. **Subcommittee Chairman Joel Hefley, (R-CO), "would be receptive to a postponement" of a new round of closings, said a Republican aide who is aware of Hefley's thinking.** "He won't offer an amendment, but he would be open to it," the aide said. "He's concerned about the timing" of the closings, which would come on the heels of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and as tensions simmer in the Middle East and the Korean Peninsula. Hefley will assess the committee's position at an informal meeting Thursday, one day before the panel marks up its portion of the fiscal 2004 defense authorization bill. **At a similar meeting before the April recess, the Democratic and Republican sources said there was strong support to push back the Pentagon's request.**

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0503/050703cdaml.htm>

7. *May 07, Washington Post* — **Defense pushes for Pentagon's civil service overhaul.** Paul Wolfowitz, the Defense Department deputy secretary, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Navy Adm. Vern Clark, chief of naval operations, told members of the House Government Reform Committee that **far-reaching changes are needed so that Defense can hire more quickly, better reward top workers and more easily transfer 320,000 civil service employees into jobs performed by the military.** Rep. Thomas M. Davis III (R-VA), the committee chairman, welcomed the Wolfowitz's suggestion that revamping civil service rules could increase civil service jobs. Davis said he was worried that the department might view its military and contractor workforces as more agile and reliable than its 746,000-member civil service workforce.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A22915-2003May 6.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *May 07, Associated Press* — **Canadian man pleads guilty to fraud and money laundering charges.** A Canadian citizen has pleaded guilty to federal money laundering and fraud charges in Sacramento for running an Internet investment fraud scheme that netted more than \$60 million from more than 15,000 victims. **Alyn Richard Waage, 56, of Nisku, a town in the Canadian province of Alberta, was extradited from Costa Rica in December to face charges related to the Tri-West Investment Club. Prosecutors allege Tri-West bilked investors by using new investor funds to make "dividend" payments to earlier investors who purchased "prime bank notes" that didn't exist. Waage pleaded guilty Monday to mail and wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering charges, and faces a July 14 sentencing.**

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/mlb/mercurynews/news/local/5800502.htm>

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Transportation Sector

9. *May 07, Washington Post* — **Transportation Security Administration to adjust layoff plans.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said it will adjust plans to lay off screeners at some airports in response to complaints from lawmakers and airport directors who said too many screeners would be laid off in some places and that the cuts could result in reduced security or create unbearably long waits by passengers. **A TSA spokesman said the agency still plans to cut 6,000 of the 55,600 full-time screeners from its payroll by September 30. But the agency said it is listening to concerns about layoffs and probably will make slight changes.** "Dialogue will help us get to the right number," said Robert Johnson, the spokesman. "The numbers may look a little different airport by airport."

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A22976-2003May 6.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

10. *May 07, Times Union* — **Post office to test anthrax detection device.** Nearly one million pieces of mail that pass through conveyers each day at the U.S. Postal Service facility on Karner Road, in Albany, NY, will soon be checked for anthrax. The facility, which processes mail on its way to post offices throughout the Capital Region, is one of 14 around the country that will test a new biohazard detection system the Postal Service hopes will prevent the distribution of mail contaminated with dangerous biological agents. **The system, which underwent an initial run in Baltimore, will be tested for 30 days beginning June 2 before postal officials decide whether to roll the machines out to 282 sites around the country, said Jon a Postal Service manager.** Testing sites were selected to achieve broad geographic

distribution.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=13202 4BCCCode=HOME3>

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Agriculture Sector

11. *May 06, Associated Press* — **Bird disease could have \$100 million effect on poultry industry. The discovery of Exotic Newcastle Disease in a backyard chicken flock in El Paso, TX has caused ripples in the poultry industry stretching from Texas across the world to the European Union and Japan. Because of the April 9 outbreak, major export partners have embargoed Texas poultry products despite no other cases being reported in Texas.** "What they don't understand is that Mount Pleasant, TX, is closer to Chicago, IL, than El Paso, and people don't have a concept on the size of the state," said James Grimm, executive vice president of the Texas Poultry Federation. While Mount Pleasant is about 40 miles farther from El Paso than Chicago, Grimm's point is clear the embargoes punish a \$3 billion industry located almost exclusively east of Interstate 35 for some sick chickens in a backyard hundreds of miles away. **Mexico, Canada, and Taiwan also have embargoed Texas poultry, and experts say the effect on the industry could be as high as \$100 million, Grimm said.**

Source: <http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1994 ewsid=7932750>>

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Food Sector

12. *May 07, High Plains Journal* — **Reducing salmonella in beef. Market dairy cows, a significant source of ground beef in the U.S., have a surprisingly high prevalence of salmonella, says Fred Troutt, professor of veterinary clinical medicine at the University of Illinois.** "Adding to this concern, the number of infected cattle often increases as the animals move from the farm to the slaughterhouse," he said. As a member of the Food–Animal Production Medicine Consortium, Troutt participated in two national studies on the prevalence of this bacteria in market dairy cattle. **"In one study, we found the overall prevalence of salmonella to be 23 percent of cattle sampled at slaughter, and on one sampling day, nine out of every 10 cows we sampled were carriers of salmonella," he said.** Troutt says the way the animals are housed, the length of time they are kept there, and how often the bedding in the free stalls is cleaned are likely to play a role in salmonella transmission. Using recycled water to flush cattle housing systems may also transmit the organism and help maintain it in the environment.

Source: <http://www.hpj.com/testnewstable.cfm?type=storynt>>

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Water Sector

13. *May 07, Salt Lake Tribune* — **Ambassador for water sought. Salt Lake County has a diplomatic answer to Utah's five-year-long drought: a water ambassador. This person**

would oversee efforts to promote water savers while a proposed ordinance would rein in water wasters. On Tuesday, the County Council asked Mayor Nancy Workman's office to develop a "water-wise" program, headed by a water ambassador, allowing businesses to become certified as water efficient. The council also asked the Planning and Development Division to tweak landscaping ordinances to require less turf. **In addition, County Councilman Joe Hatch moved forward on a proposed ordinance, patterned after Salt Lake City's voluntary conservation measures, making some types of water wasting a criminal offense.** The council did not discuss possible fines, and plans to vote on the proposal within two weeks.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/2003/May/05072003/utah/54541.asp>

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Public Health Sector

14. *May 07, BBC News* — **New study of SARS mortality rate. The first detailed study of the spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus in Hong Kong has discovered that the death rate among sufferers was much higher than previously estimated. The World Health Organization (WHO) initially estimated that the death rate from the virus was 5 percent. But the new study, the first to be based on a statistically sound sample of 1,425 cases, puts the death rate at 20 percent of those admitted to hospital. Experts do not yet know whether there have been large numbers of SARS infected patients who recovered in their homes without ever being admitted to hospital – which would reduce the overall death rate. The study, based on the first nine weeks of the outbreak in Hong Kong, also shows that older people are significantly more at risk from the virus. The death rate is more than 40% for patients aged 60 or over, but just 13% for those under 60.**

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/2992749.stm>

15. *May 07, New York Times* — **U.S. approves force in detaining possible SARS carriers. As part of the government's efforts to prevent an epidemic of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in the United States, the Bush administration has authorized immigration and customs agents at the nation's international airports to use force to detain arriving passengers who appear to have symptoms of the disease, senior administration officials said. At training sessions, officials said, the inspectors have been told that their screening duties now go beyond passports and baggage and that they need to give extra attention to the health of passengers arriving on 51 daily flights from Asian cities where the SARS outbreak has been most severe, including Beijing, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Officials said that the tightened screening procedures had gone into effect gradually in the last few weeks and that, so far, no airline passengers had required forcible detention, suggesting that the efforts of Asian governments and major airlines to prevent passengers infected with SARS from boarding trans-Pacific flights had been successful.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/07/national/07HOME.html>

16. *May 06, Federal Computer Week* — **CDC reports on health surveillance. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working with state and local public health partners to create syndromic surveillance systems that will monitor electronic information for early indications of outbreaks, CDC officials told lawmakers May 5.**

Syndromic surveillance requires public health organizations to enhance or create systems that provide information that is not illness-specific and is culled from a variety of sources. Such information would include the nature and frequency of symptoms. At a hearing of the House Government Reform Committee's National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations Subcommittee, Rep. Bill Janklow expressed concern that states are developing their own systems and questioned whether syndromic surveillance development should be defined by law to ensure compliance and compatibility. **David Fleming, deputy director for public health science at CDC, said he doesn't see a need to legislate uniformity in the systems, because jurisdictions have different needs. However, he said CDC officials are working to ensure that systems conform to standards.**

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0505/web-cdc-05-06-03.a.sp>

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Government Sector

17. *May 07, Federal Computer Week* — **Intell in midst of 'renaissance'**. The Defense Department, the CIA and other members of the national security intelligence community are in the midst of a "renaissance," thanks to some recent restructuring efforts, improved technology and an infusion of funding dedicated to future efforts, according to one DOD intelligence official. **Richard Haver, special assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, said the recent creation of his position, as well as the ongoing development of the Terrorist Threat Integration Center, will enhance the relationship among DOD and CIA leaders by providing a direct track for support.** He said the old system required multiple levels of bureaucracy. Speaking May 6 at the AFCEA International conference in Washington, D.C., Haver said DOD and intelligence agencies received a "substantial increase in resources" in the most recent budgets. **The money will be used to enhance the nation's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, information management, and information warfare capabilities.**

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0505/web-haver-05-07-03.asp>

18. *May 07, Associated Press* — **Official: al Qaeda in disarray but still dangerous**. Al Qaeda is wounded and disorganized but remains a dangerous foe dedicated to harming the United States, the FBI's counterterrorism chief told Congress on Tuesday. **The FBI, CIA and Defense Department have been very effective in arresting al Qaeda operatives, disrupting training camps and identifying possible sleeper cells,** FBI Executive Assistant Director Pasquale D'Amuro said. **"While al Qaeda may very well be in disarray, I believe it still has the capability to attack our interests,"** D'Amuro told the House Judiciary Committee's terrorism subcommittee. **"I still want to emphasize that it is a severe threat to this nation."**

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2003-05-06-fbi-terror_x.htm

19. *May 06, U.S. Department of State* — **Public announcement – Middle East and North Africa.** This Public Announcement is being updated to remind U.S. citizens of the continuing threat of anti-American violence, including terrorist actions that may target civilians specifically in the Middle East, including the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Peninsula and North Africa. This Public Announcement supersedes the Public Announcement issued on March 19, 2003, and expires on October 1, 2003. **Credible information has indicated terrorist groups may be planning**

attacks against U.S. interests in the Middle East. Terrorist actions may include suicide operations, bombings or kidnappings. While conventional weapons such as explosive devices are a more immediate threat in many areas, use of non-conventional weapons, including chemical or biological agents must be considered a possible threat.

Source: http://travel.state.gov/meu_announce.html

20. *May 06, Government Computer News* — Senate panel demands merged terror watch lists.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence last week unanimously approved an intelligence authorization bill for fiscal 2004 that calls for increased information sharing and data consolidation. **The committee met in a secret session to approve the bill. "The bill provides the funding necessary to establish a single, governmentwide terrorist watch list. It also increases funding to standardize databases to facilitate access to information," according to a committee statement. The committee said it wants to encourage "all-source fusion" of intelligence by requiring the CIA to launch a pilot giving its intelligence analysts access to raw information from databases run by other agencies that gather intelligence.** Some of these agencies include the National Reconnaissance Office, National Security Agency, National Imagery and Mapping Agency and Defense Intelligence Agency. The committee's chairman, Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), said he was particularly pleased by the panel's May 1 passage of the bill because it emphasizes information sharing and "the restoration of the [intelligence] community's analytical function."

Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/homeland-security/22007-1.html

21. *May 01, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — Armed U.S. Coast Guard helicopters to be used for Homeland Security. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge recently approved the use of the U.S. Coast Guard's Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON) for armed specialized missions in our nation's ports and waterways. "The use of Coast Guard HITRON for armed aerial patrols will increase the level of security in our ports, provide an additional layer of defense, ensure the continued safe flow of commerce and deter possible acts of terrorism on our nation's key ports," said Secretary Ridge. **HITRON operates under the Maritime Homeland Security Airborne Use of Force Policy. Members assigned to HITRON developed airborne use of force tactics in order to counter possible terrorist threats to the United States. "We stand poised to protect our country's ports and waterways as requested by the President or Secretary Ridge,"** said CDR Robert Palatka, Acting Commanding Officer of HITRON in Jacksonville, FL.

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=43/font>

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *May 06, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — President declares major disaster for Missouri tornadoes. Following the declaration, FEMA director Michael Brown designated the following 39 counties eligible for aid to stricken residents and business owners: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Camden, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Pettis, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Ray, Saline, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Vernon and Webster. **Brown indicated that more counties and**

additional forms of assistance for the state and local government agencies may be designated later based on the results of further damage assessments. He named Michael L. Karl of FEMA to coordinate the federal relief effort.

Source: http://www.fema.gov/diz03/hq03_108.shtm

23. *May 06, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — **President orders disaster aid for Kansas tornado victims.** Michael D. Brown, FEMA director said the President ordered the aid under a major disaster declaration issued on Tuesday afternoon after receiving FEMA's analysis of the state's expedited request for federal relief. The declaration covers damage to private property from severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that began May 4. **Following the declaration, Brown designated the counties of Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, Leavenworth, Miami, Neosho and Wyandette eligible for federal aid to stricken residents and businesses owners.** Brown named Michael J. Hall of FEMA to coordinate the federal relief effort.

Source: http://www.fema.gov/diz03/hq03_109.shtm

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

24. *May 07, Microsoft* — **Microsoft Security Bulletin MS03-017: Flaw in Windows Media Player Skins Downloading could allow Code Execution.** A flaw exists in the way Microsoft's Windows Media Player 7.1 and Windows Media Player for Windows XP handle the download of skin files. An attacker could force a file masquerading as a skin file into a user's machine. This could allow an attacker to place a malicious executable on the system. **In order to exploit this flaw, an attacker would have to host a malicious web site and then persuade a user to visit that site. An attacker could also embed the link in an HTML e-mail and send it to the user.** If the user was not using Outlook Express 6.0 or Outlook 2002 in their default configurations, or Outlook 98 or 2000 in conjunction with the Outlook Email Security Update, the attacker could cause an attack that could both place, then launch the malicious executable without the user having to click on a URL contained in an e-mail. **Microsoft has assigned a risk rating of "Critical" to this vulnerability, and a patch is available at the Microsoft website.**

Source: <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/MS03-017.asp>

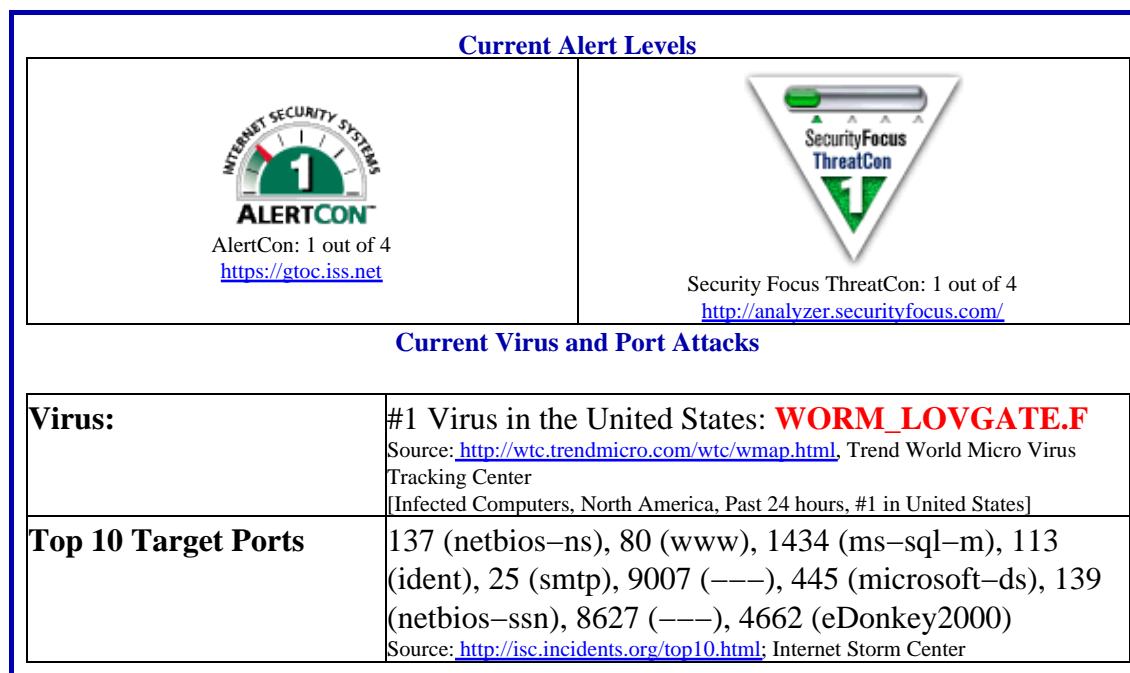
25. *May 06, vnunet* — **The danger of mobile viruses. PDAs and smartphones create backdoors into corporate infrastructures that can be exploited by viruses and malicious code to spread infections.** Rob Bamforth of Bloor Research, a British IT analyst company, said that one of the principal security problems with mobile devices is that **they are typically brought into organizations by individuals who have purchased them independently, rather than being issued as part of a co-ordinated IT department rollout.** This makes them very difficult to control and manage when they are connected to corporate networks. Bamforth added that, while viruses currently present little danger to the actual mobile handsets themselves, **the greatest problem comes from the devices being used as a transmission medium through which viruses could infect company infrastructures.**

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/Features/1140643>

26. *May 05, Network World* — **Corporate security spending not in line with real-world requirements.** Technology research firm Nemertes Research last week released its "Effective Security Solutions" report, which says **the average 2% to 3% of the overall IT budget that companies allocate for security will not adequately prepare most of them for government regulations, new applications and/or Web services architectures.** Johna Till Johnson of Nemertes Research says **companies must spend at least 5% of their overall IT budgets on security** to comply with government regulations passed in the past eight years or so. The security requirements in legislation such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the Gramm–Leach–Bliley Financial Modernization Act of 1999, the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002 and ongoing Department of Homeland Security initiatives, represent a significant concern for companies currently underspending, says Johnson. **"The fine print in these pieces of legislation has the CEO or the security officer potentially going to jail if found in violation of these acts,"** she says.

Source: <http://www.nwfusion.com/news/2003/0505nemertes.html>

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General Sector

27. *May 07, Washington Post* — **Germany convicts Turk, but not of bomb plot. Osman Petmezci, a Turkish man who was accused of planning a bomb attack on a U.S. military base in Germany, was convicted of illegal possession of explosives and other lesser charges Wednesday. He was also convicted of stealing gunpowder and chemicals to make liquid potassium nitrate, a potential bomb material, from a plant where he worked. German police arrested Petmezci and his American girlfriend, Astrid Eyzaguirre, in September. An American**

civilian who worked with Eyzaguirre at a store on the U.S. Army base in Heidelberg had informed the FBI and military police that **Eyzaguirre told her to stay away from the store on September 11 because a bombing was planned**, investigators said. **German police found radical Islamic literature and a picture of Osama bin Laden in the couple's apartment during a raid**. But the American who first alerted the FBI appeared to change her story last week, saying that Eyzaguirre had never specifically said that Petmezci was making a bomb and planned to set it off on the base. **Prosecutors withdrew all terrorism counts**, saying there was not "sufficient specificity" to prove he planned a strike on the base.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A22845-2003May 6.html>

28. *May 07, New York Times* — Hazardous waste is shipped from India to U.S. recycling plant.

In what environmental activists in India are hailing as a major victory, **tons of hazardous waste from an abandoned thermometer factory owned by India's largest consumer products company, Hindustan Lever Ltd., is heading to a recycling plant in the United States for safe disposal**. About 300 tons of mercury-contaminated material and waste from the thermometer plant in Kodaikanal town, in India's southern state of Tamil Nadu, will be shipped to the United States. A ship carrying the material is expected to dock in New York on May 29. **The waste shipment is headed to Bethlehem Apparatus Company, in Hellertown, PA, the world's largest mercury recycling facility**. Mercury is a heavy metal that is very toxic even in small doses. Exposure to mercury can lead to damage of the brain, spinal cord, kidneys and liver. India has no recycling facilities for mercury-contaminated material.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/07/international/asia/07INDI.html>

29. *May 07, Associated Press* — Spanish prime minister proposes terror list. Spain's prime minister called for greater global cooperation in fighting terrorism and proposed that the United Nations raise its profile in the battle by drawing up a list of terrorist suspects similar to a U.S. list. Spain is the new chair of a U.N. Security Council committee set up to monitor what all 191 member states are doing to stop supporting, financing and giving sanctuary to terrorists. **"The strategic challenge represented by terrorism calls on us to define more ambitious collective responses," Prime Minister Jose Aznar told the Security Council in an open debate Tuesday**. Aznar proposed that the Security Council consider letting the committee draft its own list of terrorist organizations, although he did not offer any specifics or single out any groups to be listed.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A23491-2003May 7.html>

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